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## Viewing cable 05NEWDELHI8749, OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS: GOI PROPOSES US OBSERVER STATUS AT SAARC

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
<a href="#">05NEWDELHI8749</a>	2005-11-17 13:25	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy New Delhi

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SUBJECT: OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS: GOI PROPOSES US OBSERVER STATUS AT SAARC

Classified By: PolCouns Geoffrey Pyatt, Jr. for Reasons 1.4 (B, D)

11. (U) For SA: SEE ACTION REQUEST PARA 8.

12. (C) Summary: In a surprise development, the GOI has told us that it would welcome US participation as an Observer to SAARC. At a South Asia SAARC Opens Up: US, China, Japan and Afghanistan

13. (C) MEA Joint Secretary (SAARC) P.K. Kapur suggested to PolCouns on November 16 that the GOI is interested in American participation as an observer.

14. (C) Kapur indicated that India looked forward to Afghanistan's membership in SAARC and confirmed rumors that Nepal attempted to block the SIPDIS Summit went "Better than Expected"

15. (U) Kapur was upbeat about the results of the twice-rescheduled summit and prospects for January 2006 SAFTA implementation. In addition to PM Singh's SAARC Vision

16. (C) Kapur commented on the positive reaction at the Summit to PM Singh's plenary speech, and was hopeful that his proposal for an Open Sky Comment: Opportunity Knocks

17. (C) If we want a closer association with SAARC, now is the time to move. This is the first we have heard of any GOI interest in US involvement.

18. (C) ACTION REQUEST: We request an instruction from Washington conveying US appreciation for supporting our SAARC observer status.

19. (U) Visit New Delhi's Classified Website: (<http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/sa/newdelhi/>)

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